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FACTS ABOUT THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

We give place elsewhere to a length; communication from the Rev. James Can non, Jr., in advocacy of the Mann bill. We have given more of our space to communications on this subject than we were called upon to give, but it is an interesting subject and an important subject and we want all the light that can be shed. We should not care to say anything in reply to Mr. Cannon except that his communication appears to be in answer to certain editorials which have appeared in this paper and it may therefore be assumed by some that every proposition which Mr. Cannon lays down is a proposition opposed by this paper.
We think it well, therefore, once more to state our own position on the liquor question in general'and on the Mann bill in particular.

In discussing this question, as in discuss ing all questions, we try to get at the We try to ascertain what are the facts, and to keep the facts well in mind

in drawing our conclusions.

First of all, then, it is a fact that alcois here; that it has been here from the foundation of the world, and that it will be here until all things have come to an end. Extremists say that alcohol is the creature of the devil, and that it ought to be abolished. Of course, that is an absurdity. Alcohol was made by the same Creator who created the carth and all things therein, and without whom was not anything made that was made There is no harm, per se, in alcohol. It is a good thing in itself, and thousand and hundreds of thousands of people use it to their comfort, if not to their bene fit, and never to their hurt. It ought not to be abolished.

It is no wrong, per se, to take a drink of whiskey, nor it is wrong, per so, to sell whiskey. Some of the best men and women in the world take a drink of whiskey or wine occasionally, and it is absurd to say that they commit a wrong in so doing. There are reputable merchants in all parts of Virginia who se alcoholic liquors, and it is absurd to say that they are erminals or that they are engaged in criminal traffic.

These statements may be denied, but

they cannot be disproved. They are facts and they are facts to be dealt' with in considering this important subject.

Another fact to be considered is this That men have a perfect right to drink alcohole liquors and they cannot under that right by law. So long as they have that right many men will demand alcoholic liquors, and where there is an extensive demand in any branch of business the supply is sure to be forthcom-

We must assume, therefore, that as it was from the beginning, so it will be to the end, alcohol will continue to exist, men will continue to drink it, other men will continue to sell it and so it all comes around at last to the question of regu tating the sale in such a way as to supply a popular demand with least offense

Mr. Cannon, in his communication, as serts with much emphasis that a saloon is a public nuisance. If that were true there would be no need of the Mann bill or any other bill, for a public niusance can be abated without special statutory enactment. Singularly enough, Mr. Cannon denies his own assertion. In one breath he says that a saloon is a public nuisance and in the next breath he argues in favor of the Mann bill, which provides that a judge may grant a license to conduct a saloon, under certain conditions. Of course, a judge may not grant a license to a man to conduct a nuisance under any conditions. The saloon is not, per se, a public nuisance. A saloon may be conducted in such a way as to make it a nuisance (as some of them are), in which case it should not be tolerated, No man has the right to sell liquor or to drink liquor in such a way as to create

It will be observed that we are still engaged in stating facts. We are not denying that the abuse of liquor constitutes a great evil; that it is responsible for much suffering and for much crime, nor are we denying that the greatest evil of the liquor traffic is in the open saloon. These are facts also and facts to be reckoned with in considering the liquor question. But we cannot abolish al cohol and we cannot abolish the evils of alcohol. It is therefore merely a question of how to reduce these evils to the minimum. For our part we do not believe in prohibition; we do not believe in the doctrine of prohibitionists because prohibitionists are intolerant and they are undemocratic and too often they are fanatical. Nor do we believe in prohibirid of the liquor evil. It was tried in the State of New Hampshire for generations and but recently it was abandoned in favor of high license. If it had been a remedy for the evil surely the Puritant cal population of New Hampshire would have abandoned it. But in spite of all that, we believe in local self-govprament, and we are willing that each

and every community shall decide this question for liself. If the dominant sen lment in any community is in favor of abolishing the saloon, we are willing for our part that the majority shall rule, and were such a law in force in the dom-munity in which we live, we should obey it and uphold it. But we do not believe that it is wise to attempt to enforce any law which is not backed, by public senfiment. To do so, is to tempt men to evade and dety the law, and that is more demoralizing than the evil which it is sought to abolish. Our main objection to the Mann bill is that it is not a fair means of ascertaining public sentiment, and we are clearly of the opinion that it is in violation of the spirit, at least, of the suffrage clause of the Constitution, which provides that all elections shall be by secret ballot. To circulate a petition under the provisions of the Mann bill would be to all intents and purposes to hold a local option election, and the obtect of an election is to ascertain the honest sentiment of the people voting. In many instances you fall to get at the honest sentiment of a voter unless him make out his ballot without the eye of man upon him. It is one thing to secret and quite another to sign a polition which will be filed as a mat-

PARK IMPROVEMENTS. It is gratifying to find the City Council ommittees paying more than usual atof no other direction in which the surmay be expended to better advantage Each one of the parks needs money, and should have it from time to time as the and are growing in favor and are used more and more. Last summer the atextraordinary for a city of our size.

ter of court record.

Especially was this true with respect to the New Reservoir Park, grounds are large; and accessible from all directions, and constitute a resor which is much appreciated now and of infinite service will be people in the years to come. Money may be well expended there in improving the walks, drives and lakes, and in setting out trees and shrubs. But the great need of the place is a house of public comfort-a spacious pavilion fitted up nicely for the use of men, women and children; a place of refuge in case of rain and a house fit to go to on any occasion. Nothing of the sort has yet been attempted here: There is a payllion used by the musicians, but neither in situation nor architecture is it suited to the purposes we indicate.

It may not be possible for the Council to provide for this improvement this season, but it should keep it in mind and see to it that before long such a building is erected in a good location, and with such architectural advantages and arrangements as to make it a credit to the city. Chimborazo Park is also in need of such a building.

Really, the loveliest part of Re Park is on the river side at and about the new nump house. The river scenery there is picturesque and the shade refreshing but the spot is not now easily accessible, except to people who have vehicles in which to drive. In the hot summer time few persons care to undertake a walk from the end of the street car line to That charming spot, instead of being

visited by hundreds of people, ought to be visited by thousands, and the time will come when it will be. What is needed is a continuation of the street car line down to the canal bank. But the problem is to extend the tracks without marring the drives or walks, and without interference with important park improvements that are already designed. It would, however, seem possible to extend the tracks southwardly down Rob-Possibly a route could be found between Shields' house and the main body of the Reservoir grounds that would not interfere at all with carriage driving or pedestrianism

This is a matter to which we invite to those who are opposed to the traf- attention. We should be gratified to have it considered. In a few years there will be a large lake in Shields' woods. Already much work has been done upon it-and the people will wish to visit that lake as well as the pump house. The street car line, which we have suggested, would give access to both-all the more reason, therefore, why the City Council and the street car people, in planning future improvements, should give weighty

consideration to this scheme. After Bostock has gone and taken his collection of wild animals away with him, there will be a great zoological dearth on the Reservoir grounds. Hence it is opportune to suggest now that it would be well for the community to take steps to provide a small sized "Zoo" for a permanent stay there. Most great city parks have such collections of animals, Why should not Richmond have one? Why, indeed?

HOW TO RUN A DEAL,

Whitaker Wright, who, until lately, was the friend of the King of England and a millionaire, with lordly country estates, gorgeous yachts, etc., now prisoner in a New York jail awaiting procoodings to return him to England, there to be tried for falsifying financial state ments, has told his story to the news paper men. He says: The "moral of it is, if you want to run a successful deal on the stock market, take no one into your confidence," "Whenever," he added, 'I have taken others into my confidence I have generally come out the wrong end

It also appears that thousands of people on the other side of the water "come out of the other end of the horn" because of trusting in the statements made under the signatures of Mr. Wright and his board of directors who financed various South African gold-

mining properties. Wright is an American. It really seems that he hasn't paved a shilling of all the many millions of pounds that he handled.

It is, however, doubtful if he can be convicted of fraud; nor indeed is it certain that the British Government will push him too hard, inasmuch as noble names are involved with his in the prospectuses that fooled the British public so badly and cost many of them so much money

The speech of Senator Morgan on the canal question has been published in the Congressional Record, and takes ninety seven pages. It will average 4,000 words to the page, making about 888,000 words. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, who has figured on it, estimates that the speech make a larger book than General Grant's memoirs, or a book about half as large as the Bible. This speech is remarkable, not so much because of its contents, but because of the age of the man who delivored it. Mr. Morgan as soventy-nine years old, and although he is in excellent health and has a vigorous constitution, to speak four or five hours a day for five days, is an ordeal which few men in the full vigor of early manhood could endure. It is als remarkable because the Senator used very few notes. He made frequent refer ences to published reports and other documents from which he quoted freely, but the speech was purely extemporaneous and the Senator did not have even a skeleton of the topics to guide him. He is very familiar with his subject. No man living has given so much study to Isthmian canals, and, having a remarkable memory, he is able to discuss any point in the complicated problem without refer ence to his authorities. He has probably read more than once every line that ha ever been printed concerning a canal across the Isthmus, but with all that information within grasp very few/men could have marshaled the facts and figures and arguments as he did or sustain such a test of physical endurance.

We have been asked why it is neces sary to guard the levees along the flood ed Mississippi to protect them from van dals who would cut the banks down and turn the raging waters upon the lands, destroying property and lives, and if it is true that there are people who would cut the levers, and if so, what is their object. Yes, there are people who cut the levees and they are not necessarily very mean people eith er. They are acting upon the princi-ple that self-protection is the first law of nature. "The object of men in cut-Globe-Democrat, "Is to lower the water, or the other side of the river, where their cabins are, by letting it spread out or the low land on the opposite side. Many of those dwelfers on one side of the river are in districts unprotected by a levee They want the flood disaster fairly di vided; they consider the question in the same light as the man whose neighbor has clovated his lawn two feet, so that all the drainage runs off on the lawn of the man lower down. that the back water wouldn't be five miles or more wide on the Tennessee side if the Arkansas side would take part of it-and vice versa. It is not difficult to see their chain of reasoning, though its application would destroy the productive powers of millions of acres Armed guards now patrol the levees to prevent cutters slipping across the river the darkness and making even a lit tle trench which would soon grow into a roaring crevasse. These guards are farmers of the bottoms and they willingly serve without pay. The levge front for miles can be patrolled as the railroad is in Russia when the Czar travels, but without anything like the expense."

Two interesting announcements comfrom London. One is that Mrs. brick is to be released next year, and the other is that "Jack-the-Ripper" has been found.

The first announcement is no news to the readers of The Times-Dispatch, for it was made in this paper some time ago, although a sort of half-way, semi-official denial was sent out from London It is none the less gratifying, however, to have our news officially confirmed Mrs. Maybrick may be guilty, but the case against her was never proven, and, having been severely punished, we are glad that she is to be set at liberty,

As for the other report, we are all equally gratified to know that Jack-thetipper has been caught, and that he is to get the punishment he deserves. The story is that a Pole named Klosowski, who has been going by the name of George Chapman, and who was recently convicted of murder and sentenced to be hung, is none other than the man who ran the Whitechapel district wild in 1888 by ripping the life out of women on the street. Murder will out.

Where to get laborers for work upon the Panama Canal is a question that is being discussed already. The best opinion seems to favor Jamaica negroes. It is thought they can withstand the climate of the Isthmus, which is fatal to most other non-acclimated people. It is thought too, that by the application of modern methods of sanitation the mortality in the camps of whites and blacks, both can be largely reduced. It is not supposed that the negro of our Southern States, or the Chinaman, would be as healthy or as reliable, a laborer as the colored

One of the G. A. R. posts of Washing on has instituted a movement looking to the removal of the remains of General George H. Thomas to Arlington, so tha they may lie "beneath the soil of his native State." This same camp is also urging Union veterans to raise money with which to erect a grand monument to Thomas, but whether they purpose putting it over his grave, or on the field of Chicksmauga, or elsewhere, is not

Andrew Carnegie is one citizen of New York who does not dodge his taxes. He is to be assessed on \$5,000,000 personalty and \$2,000,000 realty, which will bring him an annual tax bill of just about \$100,000.

The Postmaster-General has issued an order threating the dismissal of subordinates who are chronic debtors. He is tired of having the corridors of a depart ment made the waiting place of collectors who apply to see employes who decline to be seen. His action is commendable-

only let him be sure his rule applies equally, to high and low.

What a pity our friends over in North Carolina can't keep their shooting news at home. The Haywood trial will be called to-day in Ruleigh.

The manufacturers of spades and pickaxes are looking hopefully to the Colomblan Congress which is yet to wrestle with the canal treaty.

The Albemarle peach trees and the man who hurried to remove his winter flannels are in something of a nervous state about now.

The Missouri minister who declares his purpose to hereafter tell the truth and the whole truth at funerals is receiving no calls from vacant pulpits.

It is said that the activity of Candi date Longino had much to do spiring the great speech of Senator

Colorado's cold wave started east great shape, but it got hung up on the way, much to the delight of the east.

This is a good time for Buchanan to ship her surplus drift wood to Lynchburg, Richmond and other markets.

The croakers that were shipped here from Old Point are not the only ones in

Most Virginians love Virginia until their State taxes are due and then their affection cozes.

"It's up to you," says the raging James to the city of Richmond.

Keep your eye skinned. A week from to-morrow will be All Fools' Day.

The vernal equinox is entirely overdo ng the business this year.

Real estate in Colombia will soon

Anyhow. Richmond is having just a good weather as any of its neigh

James River and Easter bonnets are very high.

Personal and General. John D. Rockefeller has made an ad-ditional sitt of \$00,000 to Denison Univer-sity, of Granville, Ohlo.

A Vienna dentist reports having made considerable success with artificial teeth made of paper treated by a process of his own invention.

Miss Helen Gould will defray the ex penses of Dr. William H. Tolman's trip to Europe to study conditions in the principal cities and collect material lilus trative of economic progress in various of economic progress in various

Lloyd C. Griscom, of Philadelphia United States Minister to Japan, has pre-sented to the State Department two lith-ographic copies of the original of Lincoin's Emancipation Proclamation.

In a Berlin insane asylum is a patient It is said, whose hair changes color with her temperature. When she is cool and quiet her hair is a light yellow, but when she is restless and excited it becomes auburn.

By a Dutch process lately discover it is claimed that a moist hide can be turned into leather ready for the sad-dler's or shoemaker's use in from two to three days. The methods hitherto to three days. The methods hitherto the same operation.

Judge John H. Rengan, the surviving member of Jefforson Davis' Confederate Cabinet, recordly sat for a portrait to be painted and placed in the Confederate Museum of History in this city.

Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

The Norfolk Ledger is going to do great work oh Arbor Day, It says:

work oh Arbor Day. It says:

For very many years the forests of our State have been steadily disappearing, and the present is an excellent time to commence making preparations to systematically plant trees every season. The Western States have derived large benefit from the observance of Arbor Days, and Virginia will also be greatly benefited by following their example—Governor Montague 414 well in setting apart a day in April for the general planting of trees. of trees.

The Lexington Gazette wants primaries

We all know that the primaries in Virginia decide who shall be our officers rather than the regular elections, and it is equally important to have the Barksdale bill applied to such. The triumph for honest elections will be complete with legalized primaries. egalized. It says:

The Harrisonburg Free Press says: The United States Senate has gone to one extreme in its application of the principle of unanimous consent and the House has gone to the opposite extreme in its application of closure, What the country hopes to see is a medification of both metheds.

The Staunton News wants no redis tricting of the State. It says:

The Cumming redistricting bill, that poor little infant whose walls created so much disturbance some weeks ago, has at last succumbed, despite the ministrations of the ten eminent physicians who attended it. Since it has gone to the place provided for all defunct legislative papers, let us say "peace to its ashes."

The Real Thing. "And, what is this?" asked he for-eigner, who was doing New York.
"This," replied the native who was showing him the sights, "is Wall Street."
"For what is it noted? asked the wisi-

"For its fame as a watering place,"
answered the native, winking his off
eye.—Chicago Daily News.



THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Harry Tucker. DAILY CALENDAR-MARCH 24. 1610-The Chesapeake and Ohio publish od the arrival of its trains.

They don't do it now.
Query: Don't the trains arrive?
The question of ice water is now sgitating our mind.
With the increase in the pride of all various kinds of stimulants, it behooves us to got beter acquainted with ice water, for the price we can afford to pay for such things is limited.
Therefore, as we said, ice water is the principal thought that comes up in our mind.

The man saluted and disappeared.
"How can I get out of it?" was the response, accompanied by a cynical smile. "How can you get out of it? That is the question?" mind.

Ios is cheap, they say, and with free los water at the Confederate Fair, we can't reasonably see why we cannot have a free cooler near our desk.

We are glad the Philadelphia Base-ball Club was on the snot when we awoke and "Yes, you!"
"If do not understand. This is not my vessel. This is the famous Captain Brent's boat. The noted smuggler and some say pirate."
"You forget your own words. Captain Jonethan Brent is the pirate and smuggler and Captain John Brent; there is

We are glad the Philadelphia Base-ball Club was on the spot when we awake and found the flames eating themselves fast toward our downy couch, whereon we reposed in peaceful slumbers.

We always have a room at Murphy's, and we were glad when Johnnie placed that base-ball crowd next to us.

For they had a number of big pitchers with them, and being accustomed to such hings, they just got un and "put autipoint. This is your private pleasure yacht, the Badger?"
"Yes, your pleasure yacht?"
"Yes, your pleasure yacht?"
"Yes, your pleasure yacht! Sir William Lennox, your lord chamberlain, informed me, as well as the others in the square this merning, after that pleasant ceremony in which I was about to figure as the principal had been given up according to your orders, that the Badger was your yacht, and that was the reason that you were on board and had sont the message that I was to be set at liberty."
"Yes, he said that, and I mean that you shall carry out the farca. You are to gain wealth by my ald, and you must do your part. If you do not," he took a revolver from his pocket and absentmindedly turned the cylinder as he spoke, "you do not leave this cabin alive, and I will take care of the torpede beat determine mesself! I can do it hu! I do ings, they just got up and "put out"

things, they just got up and "put out the fire, What is a base-ball player for, it not to put out something or somebody? One of them, however, tried to make a home run, but the crowd closed in on him, and he was sent back to the bench. We feel happy that Colonel Munphy's hotel was not hurt, and that Jim Disney will be able to sleep some.

We are much obliged to Mr. Frank

When he got back from Lunnon the When he got came all the way up the elevator shaft to tell us he had brought with him, for us, a real live mon-key, caught in the wilds of Central Africa.

Africa.

For a long time we have been looking forward to this happy hour.

If there is anything we ever did want, it was a live monkey.

And now it is almost within our grasp.

We have some while rate and a pet chicken. We had a goat which rate is the dog-catchers took away from us, but we never had a monkey.

Oh, jey.

Oh, joy.

He might give us a little hyena before he goes away, but we haven't set our heart upon it.
All we want is a live monkey.

Our sorrow is extended to the pool

armers.

All the dry weather is calculated to nurn up their crops, and we would hate o see that done, for we are fond of vatermelons and oatmeal and buttermilk waterments.
We certainly hope and trust that it may rain some in a short while so's the crops may be saved.

North Carolina Sentiment. The Newberne Journal, referring to the many recent tragedies in North Carolina,

with pistol carriers going unmolested and unpunished, there will be shootings, and with laxity of the law in punishing first the pistol carrier, there is certain to follow the same laxity in the punishment of the use of the pistol, even if murder takes place.

The Raleigh Post sums up two promient cases thus:

nent cases thus:

No better evidence could be wanted of the unsultableness of Crum for the Charleston collectorshp or of Byrne for the district attorneyship of Delaware than the fact that they accept an appointment after being twice refused confirmation by the Senate. Even though the President should foolishly persist in making the appointment, were they of proper stuff themselves they would refuse to accept under the circumstances.

The Wilmington Messenger rejoices atter the manner following:

ter the manner following:
So we North Carolinians are to be honored by a visit from Miss Alice Roosevelt. When she returns from Porto Rico she will pay a visit to Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt at Bittmore House It is gratifying to us all to know that Miss Roosevelt, notwithstanding her unusually gay and brilliant social season, is looking forward with great pleasure to this trip to Western North Carolina.

The Asheville Citizen tells of the Watts law as follows:

of the Watts law as follows:
It is now the North Carolina whiskey distiller's move and he is preparing to make it. Our Raleigh correspondent says it does not appear that many will leave the State, but a few will go out of business. Most of them are making preparations to get into the towns. In Hamlet, Richmond county, there are already three Richmond county, there are already and others are preparing to go the lie neighboring town of Hoffman the neighboring town of Hoffman there are also three and two others are going

The Statute as to Statues. (Washington Star.) Editor of the Evening Star:

As a comrade I very much regret that

Editor of the Evening Star:

As a comrade I very much regret that the Grand Army of the Republic should have entered any protest against the placing of the Lee statue in the Capitol and that some comrades have written in a strain of vituperation against the name and memory of General Lee, which I think ill becomes a good citizen and a brave soldier. But why alscuss the question in any way? If the State of Virginia chooses to place the statue of Lee in the Capitol I can see no way to prevent it unless Congress should see fit to repeal the present law.

Section 18th, page 221, R. S. of the United States, is as follows:

"Suitable structures and railing shall the creeted in the old hall of representatives for the reception and protection of statuary, and the same shall be under the supervision and direction of the chief of engineers in charge of public buildings and grounds. And the President is authorized to invite all the States to provide and furnish statues in marble or pronze, not exceeding two in number from each State, of deceased persons who have been bitizens thereof and illustrious for their historic renown, or for distinguished civic or military services, such as each State may deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when so furnished the same shall be placed in the old hall of the House of Ropresentatives, in the Capitol of the United States, which is set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purposes herein indicated."

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If the State of Virginia wants to piace Passed July 2, 1884. Approved by Presi-

dent Lincoln.

If the State of Virginia wants to place
the statue of Robert E. Lee in the Capitol, what are you going to do about it?
For my part, I shall not protest.

DAN A. GROSVENOR.

Washington Star.

BRENT, OF THE

Romance of the Kidnapping of a Governor-General.

CHAPTER VIII

the man touched his forehead.
"Steamer" off the port bow, sir, and

coming very tast. Mr. Marchamp reports that it looks like a war vessel, and he should say it was a torpedo boat de-

"A torpedo boat destroyer!" exclaimed

Fitzmorris. 'Whatever can she want of

the reply, with a quick look at the gover-nor. "Tell Mr. Marchamp that I will be

tior, not Captain John Brent; there is vast difference! But that is not the

point. This is your private pleasure yacht, the Badger?"

"you do not leave this cabin alive, and I will take care of the torpede boat destroyer myself I can do it, but I do not like to make trouble—"
"But you would not murder a man in cold blood?" He leaned back against the

What is she?" asked her father, as

"High! This is General Fitzmorris' private yacht. We have nothing to do with it, except that we are visitors on a cruise."

"O, I see! Not a bad idea, It is yours, of course, He," indicating the governor general, "does not look to me as though he had many brilliant or useful flashes of intellect."

od.

The other raised his hat politely.

"There has been some mistake..."

"I have no doubt of it," was the stern reply. "and now will you kindly inform me by what right, you, in times of peace.

on deck in a minute."

stroyer.

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| between-by the way, you fly no flag; A sallor appeared suddenly at the cab-

will you tell me to what country you Well, what is it?" demanded Brent as

"That is the Chillan torpedo boat destroyer, Coquimbo."

"Thank you. And now, to continue with my former questioni By what right do you in time of peace between England and Chile, stop a vessel of the former country on the high sens? It is a highhanned outrage, sir, worthy of the days

of the buccaneers."

of the buccaneers."
Fitzmorris had worked himself into nuite a passion as he went along, and had at last arrived at the point where he restly felt himself aggrieved.
"But, my dear sir," exchimmed the lieutenant, wholly taken in by the other's affected indignation, which had now become quite realistid. "I make the most humble apologies. There is some dreadful mistake. We were told that the damous smiggler and pirate. Captain Brent, was in these waters, and his vessel was described as a large topsail schoozer, which, as you are well aware, is a very which, as you are well aware, is a very

described as a large topsail schooser, which, as you are well aware, is a very uncommon rig in these waters during the present day. We have been endeavoring to catch him for over a year new, for having smuggled \$750,000 worth of goods out of the port of Valparaiso."

"I have nothing to do with that," was the reply, "but I accept your apology, and now allow me to present you to Lady Fitzmorris." Indicating Madeleine with a courteous wave of the hand.

The girl made a stately courtesy and the officer bowed low.

"This is my old friend, My. Rogers from London, who has taken pity on me and come out to cheer me up during the dull times that most come to every man who is transplanted to the tropics."

man who is transplanted to the tropics.

The two men sailuted each other, and it was with great difficulty that Brent kept his face from betraying the feelings of merriment that were within. "Let us go to the cabin," said Fitsmorris, who was at least really beginning to enjoy the part that he was playing, now that the tragical element seemed remains it.

'You will have to ask Lord George

"But you would not murder a man in cold blood?" He leaned back against the cabin table, pale and trembling, for he saw in the determined expression of the other's face that he was not to be trined with. At this moment the sound of a distant gun broke in upon the slence Brent became rigid as he said sharply: "He has ordered us to heave to. The engines are stopping! Your answer, quick?" was the reply, and she turned to Fits-morris' with admirable sangfrold. "The gentleman wishes to know where we are bound my dear! I can never remember the names of these islands," she said half apologetically as she looked at the ranger. "Ah," said Fitzmorris, taking a breath

"Ah," said Fitzmorris, taking a breath to give himself time, "we have no particular destination. We are going where the spirit leads us. Our ultimate intention is to see all or most of the islands before we return."

"In that case I shall deem it an honor to accompany you for a few days," said the Chillen politely.
"The devil you will," exclaimed Brent to himself, "I think not my fine fellow. We will double on you to-night if I know my business."

rie has ordered to heaver, and the engines are stopping! Your answer, quick?"

"Yes—yos, for God's sake, man, tell me what to say!"

"We will se whether they order us aboard or send over here. In either case you will put on a high-handed air, and ask them what they mean by such conduct. That is your private yacht, and that you sfail see that their government is informed of their behavior. This is a South American craft of some sort. I take it, as they are always making foois of themselves. Keep your eye on meaning the sort of the second of the sort. I will soon be over."

He went over to the sideboard and took down a decanter, which he handed to Fitzmorris. The latter poured himself out a stiff drink with a hand that shook, and swallowed it with a gasp.

CHAPTER IX.

The two men went on the deck, to find Madeleine with her glasses at her eyes, guzing intently at the stranger, as the black hull rose and fell on the surface of the sea about a quarter of a mile away.

"What is she?" asked her father, as, my business."

In the meantime the governor general had answered courtequely. "We shall

said to himself.

He looked across the table at the lat-

He looked across the table at the latter as this thought came over him, but there was no expression on the face of the sailor that would betray the slight, est anxiety on his part. Very soon after the South American arose and took his leave.

"I shall hope to return your hospitality, Lord Fitzmorris, and make some return for our unfortunate mistake."

"Do not let that disturb you," was the reply, "As long as your shot did not hurt us it did no harm, and we have had a very agreenble half-hour together."

Raising his hat, the lleutenant went ever the side, and was taken to his own vessel, At a signal from Brent the engines were started, and the Badger ence more proceeded on her way.

"Make the course due cast for the present Mr. Marchamp," he said quietly, "Keep careful computation of the speed, an we shall want to know later just where we are." "What is she?" asked her inder, as, as a topped up to where she stood.

"Chilian, I judge, as I know of no other South American republic that has such a smart vessel as that. What she is doing up here I cannot imagine, nor do I see why they should order you to heave to. Have you ever—"

"Hush! This is General Fitzmorris' pri"Hush! This is General Fitzmorris' pri-

he had many brilliant or useful flashes of intellect."

Not many, I admit, but he is useful to me, and in this case, as he will get us out of quite a hole. I did-manage to smuggle some hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stuff out of Valparaiso last year, but, fortunately the name of this craft was not on the stern and were buly one day and one night in the outer roadstead at that, I had no mustache, so they will not know me, and I did not go ashore. Watch me when the officer comes aboard, and do not be surprised at any situation you may find yourself in, and no matter what is said, you must be prepared to back it up if you are referred to."

He turned and went over to where the governor stood.

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"What will you do?" saked Fitzmorris as he listened to what had been said.

"We shall give him the slip during the night. Do you sae those clouds in the night. The night was a cloud to he night we are."

"We shall give him t

'Ah, Lady Fitzmorris,' said her fa-ar, with a sweeping bow, "How is ther, with a sweeping bow. How is your ladyship to-day, I did not realize that you were aboard till your husband spoke of it!"

"I have a bone to pick with you, gov-arnor," said-the girl as she turned to him. "Why did you not warn me that you were going to take such sudden pos-aession of me. I hardly knew which way to look, I was so surprised for an in-stant."

to look, I was so suffised to stant."
"You did not show it," said her father, with a smile.
"I must ask your pardon, Miss Brent," exclaimed the Englishman, "but I am not entirely to blame in that matter, It was your father's suggestion and I acted upon it at once. I will say, though, as he has, that you seemed to be quite at home in the role that I assigned to you," "Fortunately I had to say nothing at the time," she replied with a smile, "for if I had I fear that my voice might have betrayed me, but the diversion of going below gave me time to recover myself. The rest of it was simple enough. What are we going to do with this very agreeable young man who will accompany us,

pana?"
"We are going to do what most ladies do when they do not desire a man's company. We are going to drop him as soon as possible."

" very fast. He tells me

you must be prepared to."

He turned and went over to where the governor stood.

"I would suggest," the tone had more of a command than a suggestion as Bront said it, "that in case you are asked who my daughter is, that you say she is Lady Fitzmorris!"

"Lady Fitzmorris! But, man, there has never been a Lady Fitzmorris sinca I succeeded to the title."

"Yes, Lady Fitzmorris. You cannot say that she is anyone else very well, because it would not do for her to be here if that were the case. She is quite alone, and, by the way, you needn't mention my name. Call me Rogers. That is my middle name, and it will do quite as well. The boat is leaving the vessel and will soon be here. Be sure to take them to the cabin and invie me to be of the party, so that I can assist you in entertaining them. You see, I know the ropes so much better than you, and the odds are that they will see no impropriety in my doing the builk of the work as your old and tried friend."

He laughed quietly at the expression in the governors face. Fitzmorris was not of the daptable kind, fow Englishmen are, and it was a tramendous effort for him to play the part to which he had been assigned.

In the meantime the launch of the torpede destroyer was rapidly nearing the Badger, and soon drew un alongside.

An officer in a gorgeous uniform came over the side.

"To whom have I the honor to speak," he said with a strong Spanish accent, and a rather arrogant air, in spite of the courteous sound of the inquiry.

"To Lord George Fitzmorris, governory general of Montenegro," was the quiet reply.

The other starfed visibly as he said:

"If her your pardon, did I understand as possible."
"His boat is very fast. He tells me that she can make 27 knots when pushed."
Possibly she can in smooth water, but if she could make 87 it would make no difference in the manner which I latend

a rather arrogant all, in spite of the inquiry. To Lord George Fitzmorris, governor general of Montenegro," was the quiet reply.

The other starfed visibly as he said:
"I beg your pardon, did I understand correctly?"
"If you understand me to say that I was the governor general of Montenegro, and that my name was Lord George Fitzmorris, you did."
"But I fear there is some error. To whom then does this vessel belong, and what is her name?"
"She belongs to me, and her name is the Badger," replied Fitzmorris, who had entirely regalaed nerve as he proceeded.

The other raised his hat politely,
"There has heen some mistake—"
"I have no doubt of it," was the stern raphy, "and now will you kindly inform me by what right, you, in times of peace."

To be Continued To-morrow.)